Shortfall in recruitment as well as promotional categories are mainly due to non-availability of eligible/suitable SC/ST candidates particularly for Technical categories. Further, in certain promotional categories, it is not possible to make good the shortfall due to court injunctions restraining Railway Administrations from making reservation for the SCs/STs in promotion in such cadres where the representation of the SCs/ STs has reached to the extent of 15% for SCs and 71/2% for STs of the cadre strength.

Every effort is made to fill up the quota of vacancies reserved for SCs and STs by allowing various concessions and relaxations, within the constraints of court orders.

[*English*]

Metal Detectors at Airports

4111. SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the airports have been provided with metal detectors;

(b) whether the Government propose to instal bomb or explosive detector in all the airports to improve the security arrangements there; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 131 door frame metal detectors have been provided at 74 important airports. 460 Hand-held Metal Detectors have been supplied to all the 114 airports.

(b) Explosives vapour detectors have already been installed at the following sensitive airports:-

(1) Bombay, (2) Delhi, (3) Madras, (4) Calcutta, (5) Trivandrum, (6) Trichy, (7) Chandigarh, (8) Goa, (9) Hyderabad, (10) Amritsar, (11) Varanasi, (12) Jammu and Kashmir, (13) Jaipur.

It is proposed to instal another 25 Explosive Vapour Detectors during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Appointment of Typists in Indian Airlines

4112. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: SHRI MORESWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel was formed for the appointment of typists in 1989 by the Indian Airlines, Northern Region;

(b) if so, the total number of candidates appointed therefrom so far and the time by which the remaining candidates are likely to be appointed;

(c) whether any candidates from SC/ST category are still required to be appointed out of the remaining candidates; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Two panels - one for English Typists and the other for bilingual Typists - were formed by Indian Airlines, Northern Region in 1989.

(b) to (d). The number of candidates appointed from each panel is as follows:-

	General	*SC*	*ST*
Typist (English)	6	–	–
Typist (Bilingual)	2	2	–

There are a few candidates from the category of Scheduled Castes in the panels. At present there is no vacancy in the post of Typists. If any vacancy arises during the validity of these panel, appointments will be offered to empanelled candidates from the Scheduled Castes.

[*English*]

Lalitpur-Singauli Line in Madhya Pradesh

4113. KUMARI UMABHARTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for the construction of Lalitpur-Singrauli railway line in Madhya Pradesh has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far and when the construction work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Surat

4114. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the stoppage of Rajdhani Express running between Delhi and Bombay at Surat;

(b) if so, the time by which this stoppage is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operationally not feasible.

[*English*]

Airstrip at Karwar, Karnataka

4115. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an airstrip at Karwar in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAITON AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

T.V. Programme 'Air Around Us'

4116. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state: